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Honorable Melvin Price, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for the views and recommendations of the Central Intelligence Agency on H.R. 261, a bill, recently introduced by Representative Ronald V. Dellums (D., Calif.), to reorganize and reform the Intelligence Community.

Mr. Dellums' bill is an attempt to develop alternative charter legislation for the Agency and the other entities of the Intelligence Community. As you know, the Intelligence Charter legislative process, begun in the 95th Congress with the introduction of S. 2525 and H.R. 11245, did not die in that Congress. The Administration is currently in the process of developing its position with regard to these very complex issues. Discussion of such issues at this time is better left to that forum where many of the issues raised in Mr. Dellums' bill are being studied and debated in the context of a comprehensive review of the Nation's intelligence needs. As soon as Administration positions have been developed we will be happy to provide our views on the issues raised in H.R. 261.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Yours sincerely,

SIGNED

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